

VALLEY VIEW.

Its Wonderful Growth and the Many Advantages it Offers to Business Enterprises.

Manufacturing Establishments, Nice Residences and Attractive Cottages.

A Young Town Full of Pride and Energy That May Some Day Grow to Vast Dimensions.

ITS PEOPLE AND THEIR RESOURCES.

THE prosperous manufacturing town of Valley View is situated on the Kentucky river, 14 miles west of Richmond, and eleven miles east from Nicholasville, and is accessible by turnpike, dirt roads and by rail, being located on the line of the Richmond, Nicholasville, Irvine and Beattyville Railroad. The inhabitants number about five hundred, being a moral and law-abiding people, and thrifty as they are generous.

The town has three general stores, two large steam band saw-mills, three blacksmith shops, one hotel, one church house, Presbyterian and one public school building also express and telegraph office, postoffice, passenger and freight depot.

The town is not a dozen years old, but the amount of business done here annually, the greater part of which amount passes through hands of people who live and labor or ply their vocation here, approximate half a million dollars.

The town is beautifully located, being situated in a lovely valley, surrounded by majestic hills, clothed in smiling verdure during summer days, and bathed in rose and orange streaks when autumn sun and October winds invade their leafy sea.

I may, in describing the surroundings of this place, become enthusiastic and carry the reader through the labyrinth of nature's beauty to the top of the majestic mountains, where we look down upon the enchanting panorama of the surrounding landscape, with golden cloud-capped hills thickly studded with evergreens, which serve as a background that cast a sombre shade at sunset over the busy little town and placid river that silently flows between the fertile valleys that extend back to the folds of the silent hills.

The magnificent spectacle of sunset when the adjacent hills and lowlands are over spread with mellow tints, splendid in light and glory as the shadows then fall and fade away in the deepening gloom, is a scene which leaves our enraptured minds full of imaginations of things not made with hands, of joys too ravishing for comparison which no pen can describe nor brush portray.

Whether the man who wrote this piece viewed the surroundings as they are energized from the horizon, or when it had reached the zenith of his brightness, or after he had traversed his course through the heavens and he looked upon an ebbing sunset, he surely was possessed of a mind rich with the sentiment expressed in nature and endowed with the fancy of a poet, as he did not give to the beauty he looked upon a moniker when he named this place, "Valley View."

THIS PLACE AS IT WAS IN THE LONG AGO.

For years only one dwelling, the old Strother Miller home which stands on the river bank, was the only habitation in this place. It was at this house in the long ago that many a tired riverman found lodgings and rest from the weary pulling of oars on heavy rafts of timber that came from the mountains of Kentucky.

Strother Miller built the first store-house and sold goods here years ago.

The old building was wash-

this issue will be a living testimonial to his true worth in the journalistic field, and as an enterprising citizen.

Success to you, Mr. Sowers, and may the future be bountiful when your name will be placed at the head of some great paper like the CLIMAX!

A. D. M.

These two lines which look so solemn were put here to fill out this column.

THE LEADERS.

E. B. SCRIVENER & CO., DEALERS IN GENERAL MERCHANDISE, PERKINS, KY.

The history of this town would be incomplete without reference to the firm of E. B. Scrivener & Co., doing a general merchandise business at the stand formerly occupied by J. W. Masters & Co. They conduct business on the principle of modern methods, buying in large quantities and competing with city merchants in regard to prices. The members composing the firm are E. B. Scrivener and J. W. Prather, the latter becoming a prominent Richmond citizen and identified with her until his death in 1884. Mrs. Lucy and Mama Prather are two attractive and efficient sales ladies that assist in attending to the wants of the many patrons who visit the well kept establishment in search of bargains. The Misses Prather are adept in arranging of fancy and latest styles in ladies hats, of which they have on sale a complete line. You will find a bright display of millinery at bargain prices. The new firm is meeting with great success, and are deserving of the large patronage they receive. In another column will be found their advertisement. Read it.

J. H. BURGESS.

BLACKSMITH.

J. H. Burgess, who conducted a first-class blacksmith shop and wagon making establishment, which has been from the first identified with the up-building of Valley View, is one of our progressive and enterprising citizens. Mr. Burgess is a native of Clark county and is a type of physical strength as are most blacksmiths. He is a native of Clark county and is a type of physical strength as are most blacksmiths. The quantity and quality of work done at his place of business competes with any pound elsewhere. Mr. Burgess conducts the only blacksmith and wagon making establishment at this place and has a large and growing list of patrons who are always pleased with work done at this popular workshop. Look up his notice in this issue calling attention to his business.

KENTUCKY RIVER NAVIGATION.

Locks and dams are being put in the Kentucky river and already slack-water extends up to within a few miles of this place, and the near future will see steamboats plying between this and other points along the river.

JAMES L. SOWERS.

The subject of this sketch is well known to our readers as the wide-awake Valley View correspondent of the CLIMAX, in which capacity he has faithfully and efficiently served since 1888. Outside of his regular weekly letters, Mr. Sowers has contributed a number of valuable communications, which have always been prepared with the greatest care and correctness. His value and reputation in this capacity is not local but widespread. He represents the Louisville Post, St. Louis Dispatch, Cincinnati Post, Commercial Tribune and other leading daily papers, which besides regular news happenings, he has furnished with short stories which have always been given prominence in those papers. To him the credit is due for this illustrated Valley View edition of the CLIMAX. He prepared all the matter and in such a way that



LEIGH R. GORDON, M. D.

Leigh R. Gordon, the prominent young physician who located here about six months ago, is meeting with marked success in his chosen profession. Dr. Gordon is a native of Clark county, Kentucky. He attended Central University at Louisville, and while he attended Louisville Medical College, Louisville, Ky., where he graduated with high honors and if he does not succeed in his calling it will be no fault of his. Elsewhere in this edition you will find his professional card.

R. F. SPEARS.

The subject of this sketch is the well known merchant, R. F. Spears, doing a general grocery business at Valley View, Ky. He has been in business at that place for a number of years and is one of the earliest and one of the largest and best selected stocks of general merchandise to be found, and their prices are as low as can be found.

We call your attention to the fact that in calling the attention of the people of Valley View, to this house where they can always find a wide variety of goods at prices that meet any and all competition. The quality of his goods, together with his personal manner of dealing, make him a man to be envied. Boys, come and see him again to sell your traps.

A. D. M.

His advertisement is in another column and profit by it.

The Southern Lumber Co.

ITS IMMENSE PLANT AND YARDS, BOOMS, BRIDGES AND TRAMWAYS.

They Cut and Branded in the Mountains Last Winter Forty-Five Thousand Logs.

THE PRIDE OF VALLEY VIEW.



THE saw-mill owned and operated by the Southern Lumber Company at this place is one of the largest and best equipped saw-mills on the Kentucky river. The mill was erected in 1881, and is a three-story modern band mill, with new and improved machinery with a daily capacity for cutting two hundred and fifty thousand feet of logs, and an annual output of thirty million feet of lumber, mostly cut from popular logs.

The Company ships annually on an average from eight hundred to a thousand car loads of lumber to different sections of the country.

The payroll of this firm amounts to about twenty-six hundred dollars a month, or over thirty-one thousand dollars a year.

They have in connection with their plant forty tenement houses, ten thousand feet of tramway running through their lumber yards, and two

ing disconnected near mid-stream, with pulleys and ropes attached to close same to prevent logs from passing through, to open and let driftwood down stream if necessary.

During a rise in the river when logs are coming down a crew of men are kept on the boats day and night, catching logs and setting them in the proper place.

A TRIP THROUGH THE MILL.

We will enter the mill on the ground floor in the boiler room where three huge boilers are located. Here can be seen two men kept busy feeding the furnace fires under the boilers that furnish steam for the engines in the next room which we will see two massive twin engines built expressly for this mill at work.

Here we look upon two throbbing engines that in obedience to human will, and for the satisfaction of human de-

THE OFFICE. The manager's office is located near the mill, and is supplied with nice office fixtures, where on business you will be cordially received by the manager and his assistants.

ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANT.

Electric lights up the office and mill by night. Incandescents are scattered throughout the lumber yard which illumine the dark alleys between the stacks of lumber covering acres of ground. The plant is owned by the Company, who also owns a telephone system connecting the office with four points on the river, store, depot and the manager's residence.

MEN WHOSE SERVICES ARE ALMOST INDISPENSABLE TO THIS MILL AT WORK.

It is not often that enterprise can find men who will take as great interest in the welfare of the Company that employs them as does the men

WHO WORK FOR THIS MILL.

Men whose services are almost indispensable to this mill at work.

I HAVE QUITE A NUMBER OF NICE

Building Lots

For Sale!

LOCATED NEAR THE DEPOT.

I THINK their value will be very much increased when steam-boat navigation reaches us, which will be very soon, judging from the speed they are now making with the lock and dam on Kentucky river. Buy now and make money.

M. F. WHARTON.

Hotel Burton.

THE BEST

\$1.00

HOUSE

IN TOWN!

NEW BUILDINGS.

BEST ACCOMMODATIONS.

SPECIAL attention given to Transient Patronage.

Hotel Situated Near the Depot.

FRED. BUATON, Proprietor,

VALLEY VIEW, KY.

LUMBER
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VALLEY VIEW, OCTOBER, 1888.

This is to inform my friends and patrons that I am now connected with the SOUTHERN LUMBER CO., to look especially after the wants of those in need of building lumber, either in large or small lots, and will take pleasure to make estimates on lumber at the yard or delivered by rail or wagon.

Call and see me before buying elsewhere.

G. J. Soper.

P. S.—All prices are made on cash basis and for prompt acceptance.

Tailoring!

W. E. CHASE, Agent

FOR THE

American Tailors.

Orders Taken Any Time

AND CORRECT

FIT GUARANTEED

Or No Trade.

NO MONEY PAID IN ADVANCE.

CALL and inspect my line of samples.

No trouble to show them.

W. E. CHASE,

Valley View, Ky.

NEW STORE
NEW GOODS.

I have just opened one of the largest and most complete stocks of goods ever seen in this town. My stock consists of.....

Dry Goods, Notions, Boots & Shoes, Hats and Caps,

And everything usually kept in a first-class house. I desire to meet all my former friends and customers who in the past favored me with their valued patronage.

I will inspect my large line of WINTER BOOTS and SHOES. Having bought low can undersell any competitor.

My stock of.....

Dry Goods

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Highest price paid for country produce.

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